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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
HOLGER BUEHLER, ET AL. : EXAMINER: JARRELL, N. E.
SERIAL NO: 10/579,714 :
FILED: MAY 17, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1624
FOR: METHOD FOR THE EXTRACTION :
OF KERATIN FROM DEAD ANIMAL
SKINS

RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed February 12, 2008, Applicant's elect, without traverse, Group I: Claims 1-16 drawn to a method of using (removal of horny substances from hides of dead animals) compounds and compositions of formula I where variables X_1 and X_4 are each SH, and variables X_2 and X_3 are each OH.

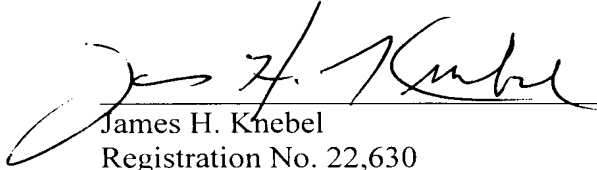
Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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